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General Alexander Haig
Secretary of State
c/o The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Haig:

I am not an Arab. I am not a Jew. But as a U.S. voter and taxpayer, I can discern no honorable or honest motive behind our country's support of and alliance with Israel. As a thinker, and quite apart from any sense of justice, it is clear to me that our placing of so many eggs in the Israeli basket is no less than a Napoleonic blunder.

I have doubts about the use of nuclear energy in the U.S. But I would not welcome a Soviet attack on U.S. nuclear generators. I feel the same way about the Israelis or Israel - obliteration of the Osiraq Reactor - along with an unfortunate French technician, more or less.

I do not think the loss of 300 American lives in New York or Chicago - or for that matter in Saigon or Seoul - would be quite as easy to dismiss as the loss of at least as many Lebanese lives in the savage attack on Beirut by Israel - IN U.S.-MADE WAR JETS!

Nor, when I call to mind our dear ally, Israel, do I find it easy to forget the purposeful and entirely successful Israeli attack on USS Liberty and the American crew which manned her in 1967.

When the words "Terrorism in the Middle East" are employed, as an objective individual, it is most natural to associate them not with the battered, little P.L.O., but with Israel, and - as far as I support it, with the United States of America.

Since U.S. backing is the only plausible reason for the present ascendancy of Israel, I urge you as a man of ability and of honor to help to achieve the following just actions in the Middle East:

1) Recognition of the P.L.O. as the only legitimate and endorsable representative of the Palestinian people.

2) Establishment of the P.L.O. as a principle partner and the plaintiff in autonomy negotiations. Egypt's voice should be heard only

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3) The return of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights, and the rest of the Sinai to their century-old, rightful owners.

4) The reduction of military and economic aid from the United States to Israel to a level which, fantastically out of line with all real defense requirements in the area,

5) The sale of AWACS to the Saudis, which scarcely restores a balance of power to the region, but which permits the U.S. an ostensible, if inadequate, gesture of evenhandedness.

It is my sincere hope that you will help to guide our country to a new Middle East policy which will be a fulfillment not only of peace and security to the region, but of our national honor and pride.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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Director of International Relations

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